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- 25X1 1. [redacted] there were very few schooners or other vessels of
- 25X1 Albanian registry in the port of Durres [redacted]
2. The construction work on the large wharf in Durres, approximately 115 meters in length, has been completed, thus permitting vessels of heavy tonnage to moor there. The depth of the water at wharfside is 8 meters. The reconstruction, enlargement and modernization of the port of Durres is being supervised by an unidentified Soviet engineer.
3. Two new loading cranes of 6 to 10-ton capacity, furnished by the Soviet Union, have been installed in Durres under the supervision of Soviet engineers.
4. In Vlone, the Albanian schooner REAL STAPA recently moored at the pier and discharged a cargo of heavy boxes and crates, presumably containing machinery, weapons and ammunition. Inasmuch as the crates bore Soviet markings, observers were of the opinion that the crates were loaded aboard the REAL STAPA in a Soviet or Rumanian Black Sea port.
5. From a point in the vicinity of Saseno Island, fortifications were observed under construction on the island and heavy artillery pieces, type and caliber unknown, were detected in position.
6. Each evening at about 7:00 p.m., a tugboat with a crew of one officer and four or five Albanian sailors leaves Vlone and puts out to sea, by-passing Point Linguetta. Each morning at about 8:00 a.m. the tugboat returns to port.

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